

REMARKS

Claim Rejections

Claim 17 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Claims 2-3, 5, 8, 12, 23, 30, 32-33, 36, 44, and 46-51 are allowed. Claims 12, 36, and 49 are objected to as lacking antecedent basis. Claim 17 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as set forth in the outstanding Office Action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Drawings

It is noted that the Examiner previously accepted the drawings as originally filed with this Application.

Claim Amendments

Applicant has amended claims 12, 17, 36, and 49 to obviate the outstanding rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112. It is believed that the amended claims now specifically set forth each element of Applicant's invention in full compliance with 35 U.S.C. § 112.

Since claims 2-3, 5, 8, 12, 17, 23, 30, 32-33, 36, 44, and 46-51 have been indicated as being allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. § 112, no detailed discussion of the cited prior art references is believed to be necessary.

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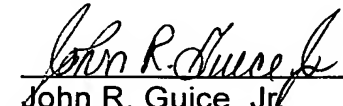
Summary

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that this application is now in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested. Should any points remain in issue, which the Examiner feels could best be resolved by either a personal or a telephone interview, it is urged that Applicant's local attorney be contacted at the exchange listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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